



# Biography

## New Mexico Air National Guard

### 150<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing

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#### **Col R. Kim Hunter** **Commander, 150<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing**

Col R. Kim Hunter was appointed commander of the 150<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, on 1 September 2001. The 150<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing is the only Air National Guard unit in the state. The wing flies and maintains the F-16C/D “Fighting Falcon” Block 40 aircraft. The wing’s primary mission is air interdiction in support of 12<sup>th</sup> Air Force, Air Combat Command, NATO, and U.S. Central Command operations plans and objectives.

Col Hunter graduated from high school in Altus, Oklahoma. He attended Western Oklahoma State Junior College on a baseball scholarship and finished college at Texas Tech University on a university baseball team scholarship. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education in 1976. He earned a Master of Science degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in 1990. His professional military education includes several schools, the most recent being the Air War College.

Col Hunter’s military career began in 1977, when he was selected to attend undergraduate navigator training in Sacramento, California. After this training the Air Force assigned him to work in the F-4E, and he served in that capacity until he was selected for undergraduate pilot training in 1981. His command experience has been at the Operations and Logistics Group levels.



#### **Education**

- 1976, Bachelor of Science, physical education, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas
- 1990, Master of Science, Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
- 2001, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

#### **Assignments**

- February 1981 – February 1982, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Williams AFB, Arizona
- March 1982 – October 1982, F-16 Flight Training, Hill AFB, Utah
- October 1982 – May 1985, F-16 Flight Examiner, Graduate USAF FWS, Nellis AFB, Nevada
- May 1985 – September 1986, Initial Cadre Weapons and Tactics Officer, Misawa AB, Japan
- September 1986 – July 1989, HQ PACAF/IG Operations Inspector, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
- July 1989 – June 1992, Operations Officer, F-16 Division, USAF Fighter Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nevada
- July 1992 – January 1996, F-16 Operations Officer, 507<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing (Air Force Reserve), Tinker AFB, Oklahoma
- September 2001 – Present, Commander, 150<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico

#### **Flight Information**

- Rating: Command pilot
- Flight Hours: More than 4,000
- Aircraft Flown: F-4E, KC-135R, F-16 (Blocks 1, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 32, 40, 42)

#### **Major Awards and Decorations**

- Meritorious Service Medal
- Aerial Achievement Medal
- Air Force Commendation Medal

#### **Effective Date of Promotion**

- 21 March 2002

*Current as of 9 May 2002*